



**Trinity Lake  
Revitalization Alliance, Inc.**  
North Trinity Lake, California

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July 25, 2011

The Honorable Kenneth Salazar, Secretary  
Department of the Interior  
1849 C Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 20240

**RE: Trinity River – Trinity Management Council (TMC) By-law Changes**

Dear Secretary Salazar:

The Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance asks you to change the Trinity Management Council's (TMC) affirmative voting requirement to a simple majority, and add Humboldt County and the Bureau of Land Management as members of the Council.

The Trinity Lake Revitalization Alliance (TLRA) is a non-profit community organization representing the forest communities, people, and businesses surrounding Trinity Lake reservoir, the true "headwaters" of the Trinity River.

We feel that effective and equitable management of the Trinity River Restoration Program (TRRP) is essential to the survival of our communities, ecosystem, and economy, as well as the health of Trinity River.

As a member of the Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group and having attended all TMC meetings for the last two years, I am acutely aware of the stagnation that grips the Council and impedes the Council's ability to move the Program forward and adapt to changes in public attitude, science, and project results.

For years, the TMC has been unable to act on controversial projects and strategies due to TMC's super-majority approval requirement. A change to a simple majority vote will help to eliminate stalemates and provide the Program with clear guidance. Currently, implementing a change to the voting requirement at the Council level is impossible since a by-law change requires a supermajority vote.

TLRA supports the addition of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Humboldt County to the TMC to provide more balance in project decisions.

Because much of the Trinity River flows through BLM land, BLM manages several river campgrounds and access points along the river, and BLM licenses Trinity River fishing guides, it is obvious that BLM should have representation on the TMC.

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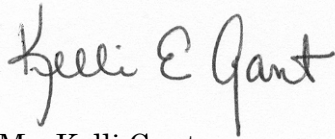
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And, since Trinity River water flows through Humboldt County and the successful return of salmon to the Trinity River affects the people of Humboldt County, we support the addition of Humboldt to the TMC. The people of Humboldt County should have the same representation as the people of Trinity County, which is a TMC member. Last year, the addition of Humboldt County to the TMC was stopped by one vote due to the super-majority problem.

We believe that the public is greatly under-represented on the TMC and adding Humboldt to the Council is a start to a more balanced perspective between government agencies and the public that owns the natural resources affected by the Program.

TLRA supports the above changes to the Council voting requirement and membership as one step forward to improving a long-standing problem that puts the equitable success of the Trinity River Restoration Program in jeopardy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli E. Gant". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Ms. Kelli Gant  
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Member, Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group

cc: Trinity Adaptive Management Working Group  
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Representative Wally Herger  
Representative Mike Thompson  
Senator Feinstein  
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